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Applicants:	La Monica, <i>et al.</i>
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115**

Sir:

Applicants request entry of this amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application, which is a §371 National Stage Application of PCT/EP2005/001114, filed on February 3, 2005.

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement/PTO 1449 in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1). Copies of art cited in the IDS are provided in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98.

Any fees associated with the submission of this amendment can be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

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